IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Confirmation No.: 8193

YUEMEI YANG ET AL. Group Art Unit: 1754

Serial No.: 10/630,054 Examiner: Stuart L. Hendrickson

Filed: July 30, 2003 Attorney Docket: 3006.001300/KDG

For: METHOD FOR MAKING SINGLE-WALL CARBON NANOTUBES USING

SUPPORTED CATALYSTS

CUSTOMER NO. 23720

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and is responsive to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of October 23, 2006 ("Final Office Action"), with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 23, 2007. As said period has expired, accompanying this request is a petition, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, for a one-month extension of time and the necessary fee, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). Please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

Should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Director is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/3006.001300KG.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3. Remarks begin on page 32.